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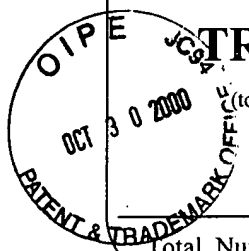
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Fee Code	Fee \$	Fee Code	Fee \$		
101	710	201	355	Utility Filing Fee	
106	320	206	160	Design Filing Fee	
107	490	207	245	Plant Filing Fee	
108	710	208	355	Reissue Filing Fee	
114	150	214	75	Provisional Filing Fee	
SUBTOTAL (1)					\$

2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES

Total Claims	Extra Claims	Fee from below	Fee Paid
32	2	18	36
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103	18	203	9	Claims in excess of 20	
102	80	202	40	Independent claims in excess of 3	
104	270	204	135	Multiple dependent claim	
109	80	209	40	Reissue independent claims over original patent	
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Applicant: JIANDONG HUANG, ET AL. Group: 2785
Serial No.: 09/513,010 Examiner: Unknown
Filed: 2/25/00 Docket No. H16-26156 US
Title: MULTIPLE NETWORK FAULT TOLERANCE VIA REDUNDANT
NETWORK CONTROL

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 11-30 in the present application and add the following new claims 31-52.

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31. The method of claim 1, wherein determining the state of connections between each pair of networked nodes comprises determination of whether each node in a pair of networked nodes can send data to the other node and can receive data from the other node in the pair.

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32. A computer network interface, the interface operable to:
determine the state of a primary network connection between the network interface and the network interfaces of other network nodes;
determine the state of a redundant network connection between the network interface and the network interfaces of other network nodes; and
select either the primary network connection or the redundant network connection for communication with each of the other network nodes, such that the network connection selected is selected independently based on the determined network states for each other network node.

33. The computer network interface of claim 32, the interface further comprising a network status table that indicates results of the determination of the state of the primary and redundant